

Dental Workforce

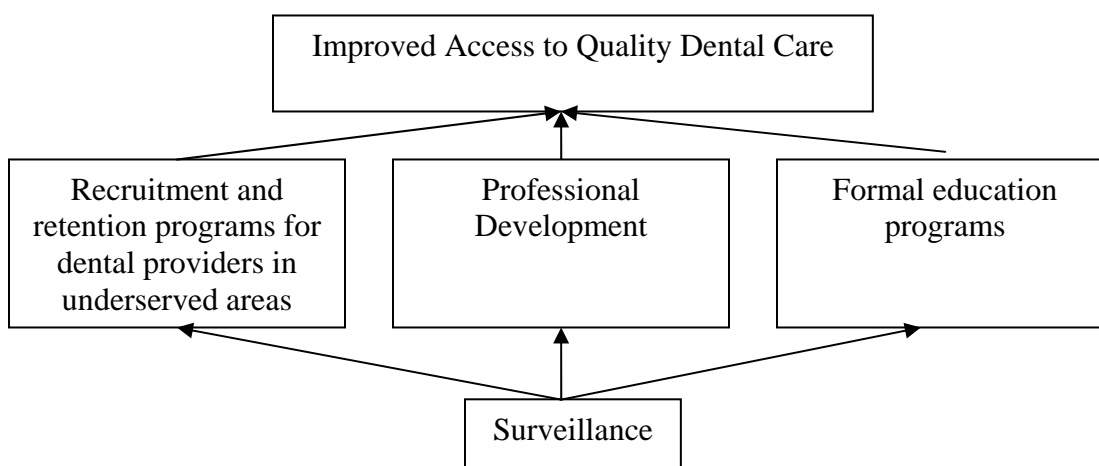
Background

South Carolina relies on two programs to recruit dentists into the state to serve vulnerable and underserved populations. For many years the National Health Service Corp was the only resource the state had to enhance the dental workforce. The program is managed by Mark Jordan, who is Director of the Office of Primary Care which is located within the Health Services section of DHEC.

An additional resource was made available in 2005, the Rural Dentist Program (RDP). The RDP is a program of the Medical University of South Carolina and administered by South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium (SCAHEC). SCAHEC coordinates the activities of RDP with DHEC's Public Health Dentistry Program.

A Coalition workgroup will be established, based on their priority assessment in 2007, to develop objectives.

Logic Model



Objectives

4.1 The Advisory Council and Coalition will have representation from organizations involved in the recruitment and retention of dental providers.

South Carolina Baseline Mark Jordan from the Office of Primary Care has been a committed member of the Coalition for (insert number) years.

Healthy People Reference Not available

Original State Oral Health Plan Reference – Priority 4, Strategy 4.1 (See Appendix J)

Measurement Type - Process

Data Collection Method – Evidence of attendance and meeting minutes from the Quarterly Advisory Summit

4.2 The SC AHEC, in coordination with DHEC's Public Health Dentistry Program, will manage the Rural Dentist Program, effective 2005, which uses state appropriated funds to provide loan repayment assistance to qualifying applicants.

South Carolina Baseline The maximum number of applicants (n=3) are accepted annually.

Healthy People Reference Not available

Original State Oral Health Plan Reference – Priority 4, Strategy 4.4 (See Appendix J)

Measurement Type - Impact

Data Collection Method – Through an established surveillance process, AHEC and DHEC review annually the placement of dentists participating in RFP and graduates from the state's only dental school.

4.3 The Office of Primary Care, administratively located at DHEC, will manage the state's National Health Service Corp program.

South Carolina Baseline Not available.

Healthy People Reference Not available

Original State Oral Health Plan Reference – Priority 4, Strategy 4.4 (See Appendix J)

Measurement Type - Impact

Data Collection Method – Through an established surveillance process, DHEC monitors placement of National Health Service Corp assignees.

Comments

A Coalition workgroup will be established in 2007 to further develop the objectives for the Workforce section of the state plan. Specific attention will be given to dental workforce issues (other than dentists) the state's only dental school's priorities and professional development. Infection control programs will be addressed under professional development.